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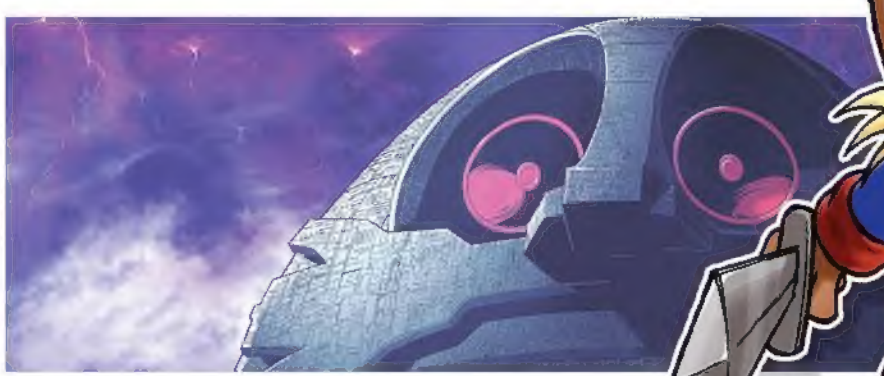

Since Dr. Eggman launched his evil DEATH EGG Mark 2 battle station, the Freedom Fighters have had it pretty rough! The evil (omelet) dictator's first attack was the "Cosmic Reset Button," which altered reality itself!

Super Sonic was able to set the world right, but was unable to save Sally as she bravely sacrificed herself to stop Eggman's World Roboticizer. Transforming her into the most menacing evil the planet Mobius has ever seen: MECHA SALLY.

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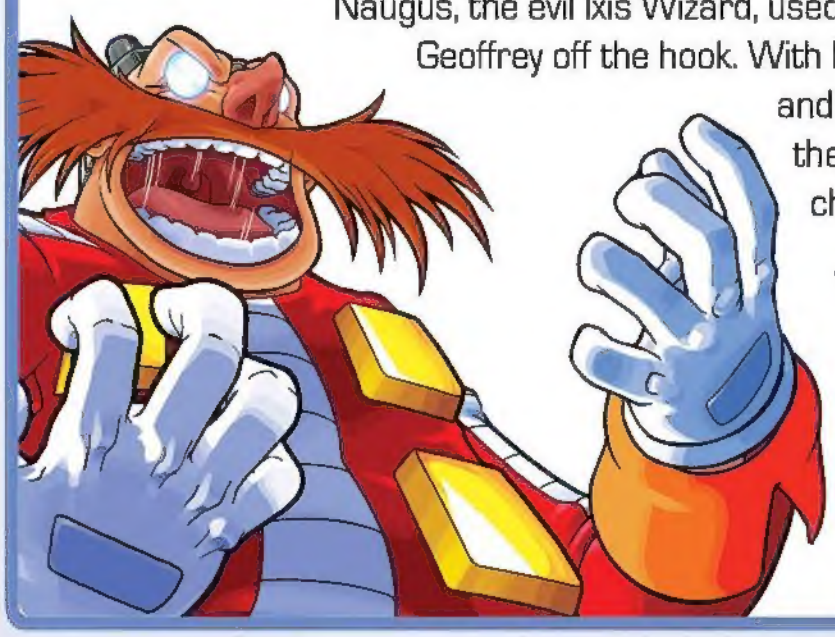

The Freedom Fighters now prepare to deliver the former royal family to their new life away from the public eye...

Who's Who

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE
COMMANDER

BUNNIE D'COOLETTE
FORMER RABBOT

TAILS & AMY ROSE
AIR SUPPORT

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UNTHINKABLE

ANTOINE'S JOURNAL

The recent days and weeks have been full of the highs and lows.

My darling wife has had her body restored, but our King --our TRUE King--has imposed the self-exile to protect himself and his family.

C'MON, NOGGY ONLY STOLE YOUR LEGACY AND KINGDOM FROM YOU. ÷AHEM÷ YOU CAN STILL LIVE HERE.

NO, WE CAN'T. MY PRESENCE WILL FURTHER DESTABILIZE THE MORALE OF THE WEARY CITIZENS.

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...AND, WELL, THIS IS NAUGUS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WITH THE DEATH EGG OUT THERE, YOU DON'T NEED FURTHER TROUBLE AT HOME.

I KNOW, I KNOW. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING. I JUST WISH YOU'D STICK AROUND.

The Acorns will take the Mobo-Cruiser from New Mobotropolis to Queen Consort Megan's old home in Feral Forest. I do not expect any of the troubles from Naugus WITHIN the city. There are too many witnesses.

The turnout for the farewell gathering is expected to be huge. I am not understanding --if the people love Elias, why are they putting their faith in Naugus?

But that is something I will investigate later. Tomorrow the FREEDOM FIGHTERS will provide the escort to ensure that Naugus and St. John do not try anything.

THIS IS SONIC TO THE TORNADO. ...YOU READ ME?

LOUD AND CLEAR!

THEN LET'S DO IT TO IT!

It is my hope that with such a show of force...

...NAUGUS won't try anything foolish, and that we will be prepared if the Death Egg returns.

SOON...
HEADS-UP! DEATH EGG APPROACHING AT ONE O'CLOCK HIGH!
HOW DOES HE KEEP HIDING THAT THING ?!
WHUD
SKREEEEEEEEE
WHUD
HUH. LOOKS LIKE EGGY UPGRADED THE OL' EGG PAWN DESIGN.
TAILS!
CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE CRUISER! WE'LL HANDLE THE JOKERS ON THE GROUND!
ROGER THAT!
CLANG
KLONG
ALL RIGHT, NEW BADNIKS, LEMME SHOW YOU HOW THIS GOES!

SEE, YOU GUYS SHOW UP, AND THEN I SMASH YOU TO--WHOA! NEAT TRICK!
Sonic was the obvious choice to lead the ground defense. He can handle himself.
Tails will, of course, provide the cover from the air...
YEAH! TAKE THAT!
VREEEEEE SKOOM!
PIKO!
...while Amy can take Sonic's place for the wing support.
Bunnie and I will provide the back-up for Sonic. While I cannot refuse my brave wife's request to be joining us...
NICE TRY --BUT NOT TODAY!
SMILE FO' THE CANNON, YOU UGLY...
...I worry she hasn't adjusted to being "NORMAL" again.
...OH... RIGHT...

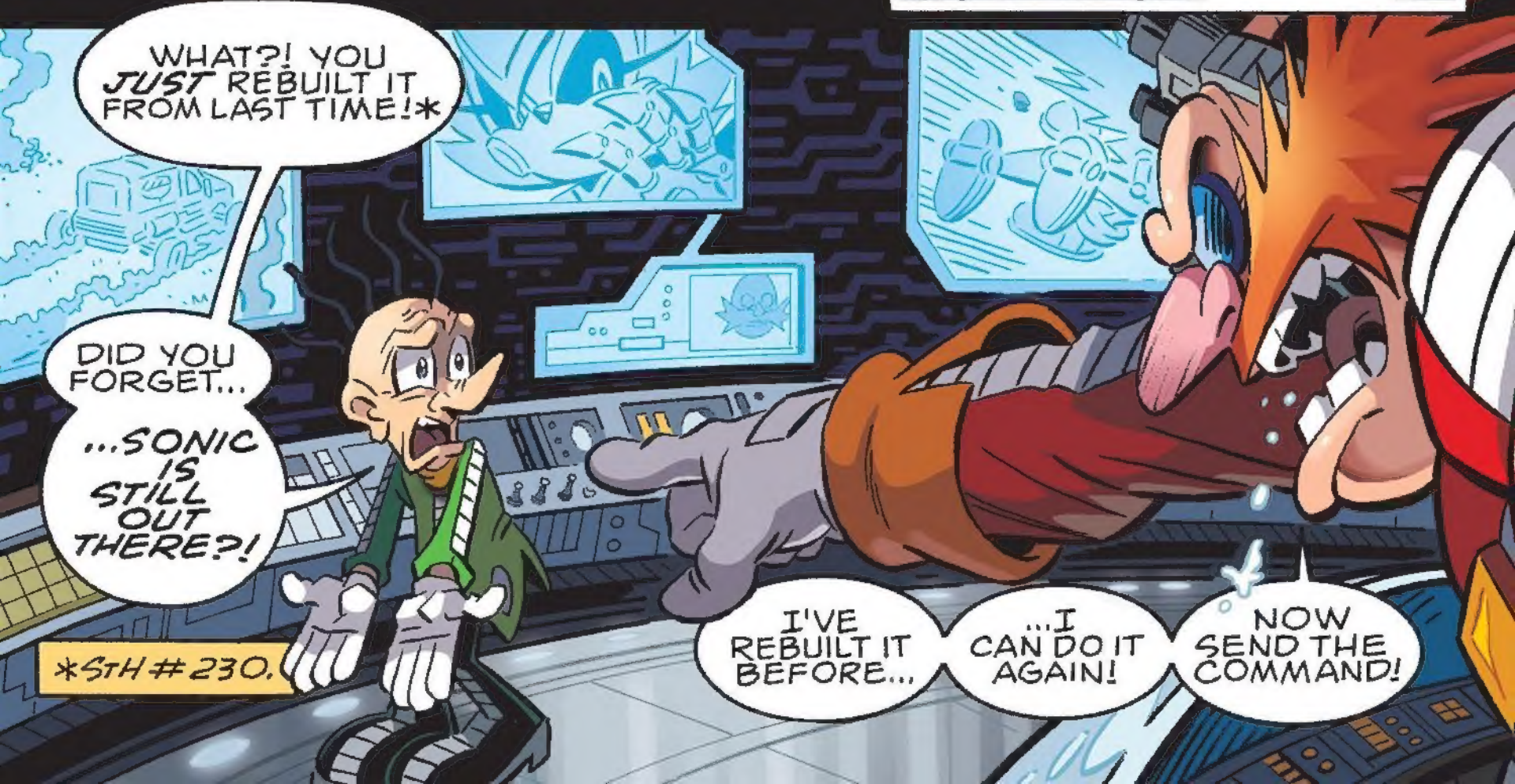
WE'RE SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES AMONG THE EGG-SWATS, AND THE PRIMARY TARGET IS PULLING AWAY. JUST AS I PREDICTED THIS WOULD GO...
OH, QUIT YOUR WHINING. THIS WAS JUST THE OPENING ACT.
LAUNCH THE PLAYERS FOR...
..."ACT TWO."
NOTE: THIS ISSUE OCCURS BEFORE SU # 37. --EDITOR
SALLY...
HE... WEAPONIZED HER...
WHAT DID THAT SICKO DO TO HER?

If the Death Egg appears, I would find myself--how you say--divided. It would be giving us the chance to save our dear princess...
MAYDAY! MAYDAY! SHE'S COMING RIGHT FOR US!
I...I...
...NO...
THIS ISN'T HER FAULT.
...but at the same time, I am afraid of what the Doctor has done to her.
MOVING TO ELIMINATE AIR SUPPORT FOR GROUND FORCES. CHILDREN DON'T BELONG ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.
SHNK
AUGH!
WHOA!

LOOK OUT BELOW! I'M COMING TO--
..GRK!
AH GOT HIM, SUGAR-HOG! I'VE TANGLED WITH...
...TOUGHER ROBOT-SONICS THAN--
SLASH
AH'M NOT DOWN FOR THE COUNT, YET, YOU...
KRUNK
YOU'VE LOST YOUR CYBER-NETICS. YOU'RE NO THREAT.
PLOPF!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT... THE PRIMARY TARGET IS UNPROTECTED. WE HAVE A CLEAR SHOT.
ALL ACCORDING TO PLAN. ALL VENTRAL LASERS ARE FREE TO FIRE AT WILL.

IT HAS A TARGETING SCRAMBLER. WE'RE ONLY GOING TO HIT IT OUT OF DUMB LUCK. DID YOU PLAN FOR *THAT*?
OH, OF ALL THE... SEND METAL SONIC!
HAVE IT LATCH ON AND SELF-DESTRUCT!


WHAT?! YOU *JUST* REBUILT IT FROM LAST TIME!*
DID YOU FORGET...
...SONIC IS STILL OUT THERE?!
I'VE REBUILT IT BEFORE...
...I CAN DO IT AGAIN!
NOW SEND THE COMMAND!
*STH #230.

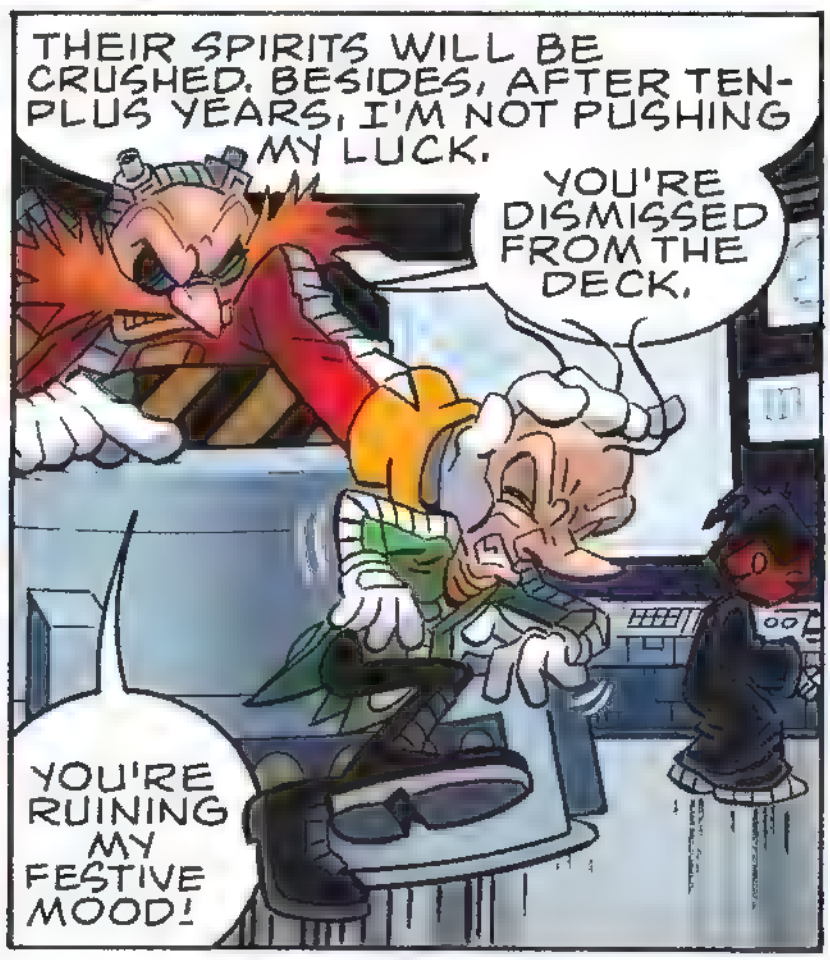
ORDERS RECEIVED. CHANGING TARGETS.
OH, NO YOU DON'T! I'M THE JEALOUS TYPE, SO YOU-- YIPE!
TARGET: SONIC PRIORITY ONE.
NO-NO-NO...! FIGHT IT, SAL! THAT'S YOUR BROTHER AND HIS FAMILY OUT THERE! DON'T LET THE DOC CONTROL YOU!
YOU'RE TRYING TO RATIONALIZE WITH THIS UNIT? WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THEY WERE HANDING THE BRAINS OUT?
NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING INSULTING.
SONIC TO TEAM! I'M TIED UP WITH SALLY!
SOME-BODY STOP METAL SONIC FROM GET-TING TO THE CRUISER!

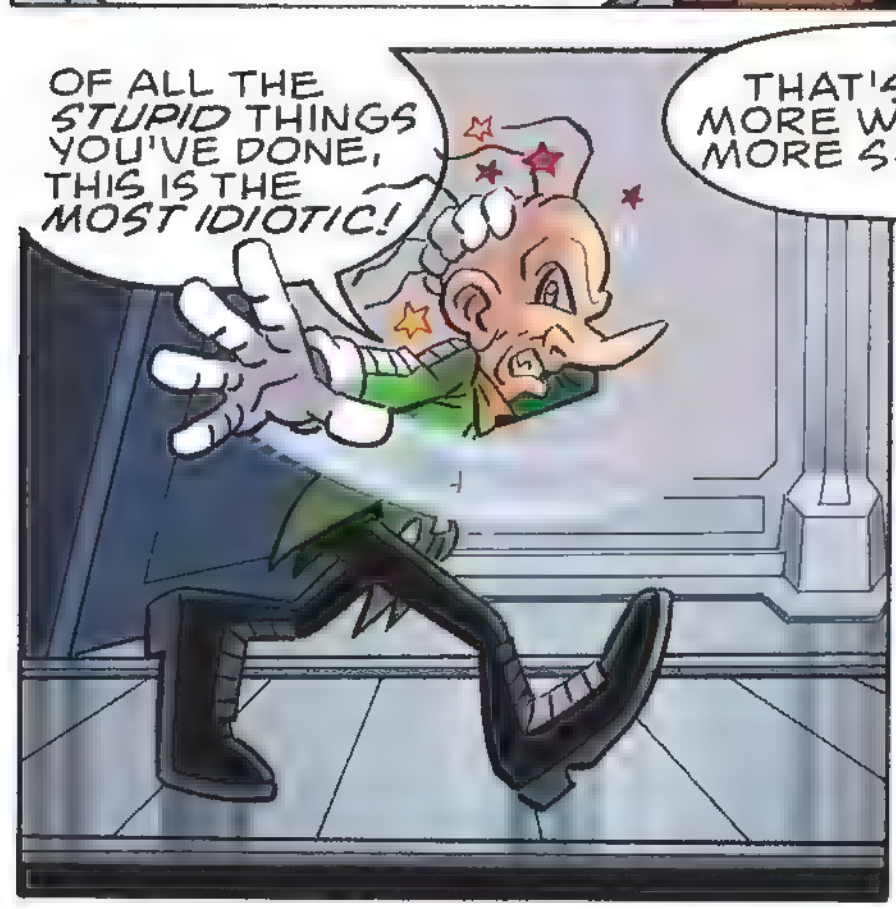
ANTOINE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
HRRGH ...WHAT I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DOING...
...SERVING MY KING AND COUNTRY...!
GREAT! METAL SONIC GOT TANGLED ON A FREEDOM FIGHTER!
REALLY?! SEND THE COMMAND! DETONATE!
BUT...
DET-O-NATE!

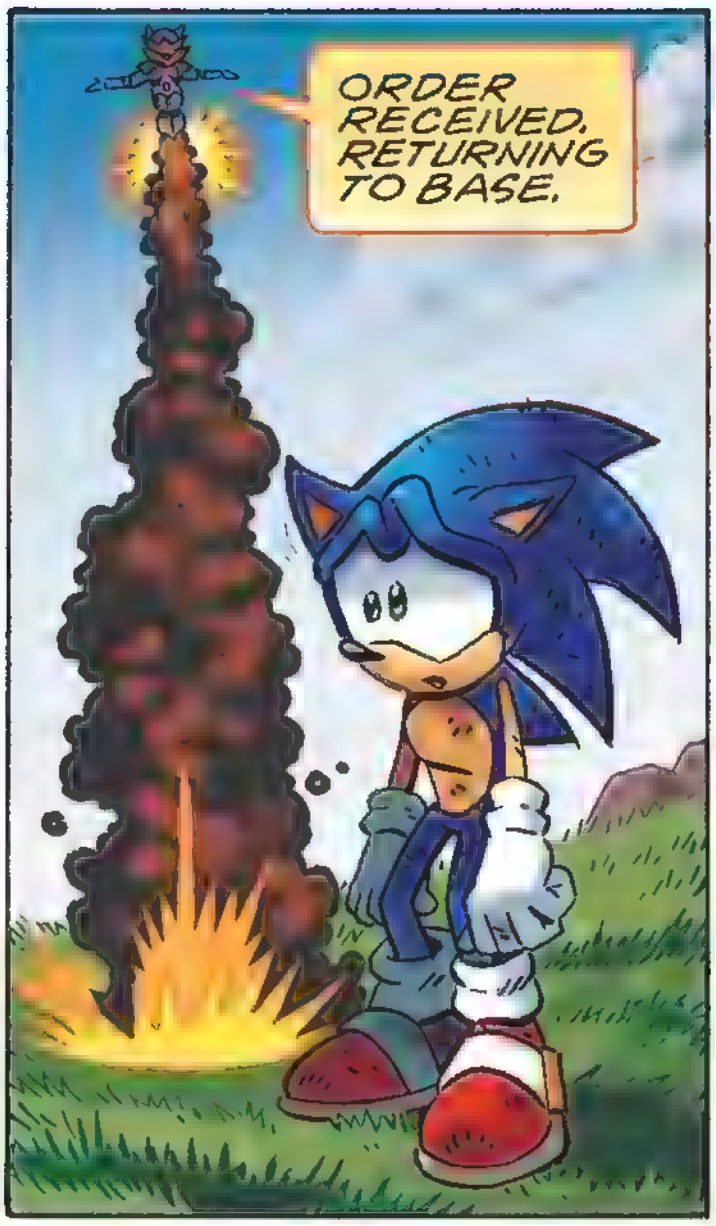
OH, WALKERS, NO...
WHA...WHAT HAPPENED? DID HE...?
ANTOINE?!
'TWAN?! 'TWAN?!
YOU'LL JOIN HIM SOON.
I GOT ONE OF THEM?! I FINALLY GOT ONE ?!
HAHAHAHAHA

THAT'S IT! PACK IT IN! WE'RE DONE HERE!

WHAT ?!



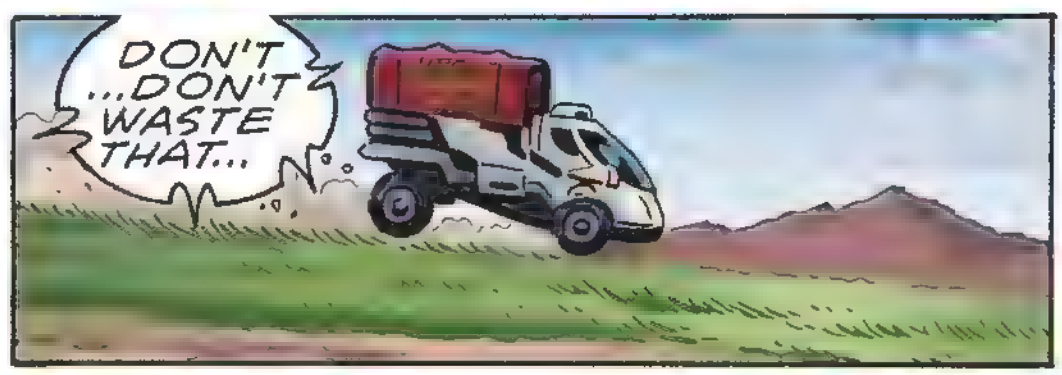


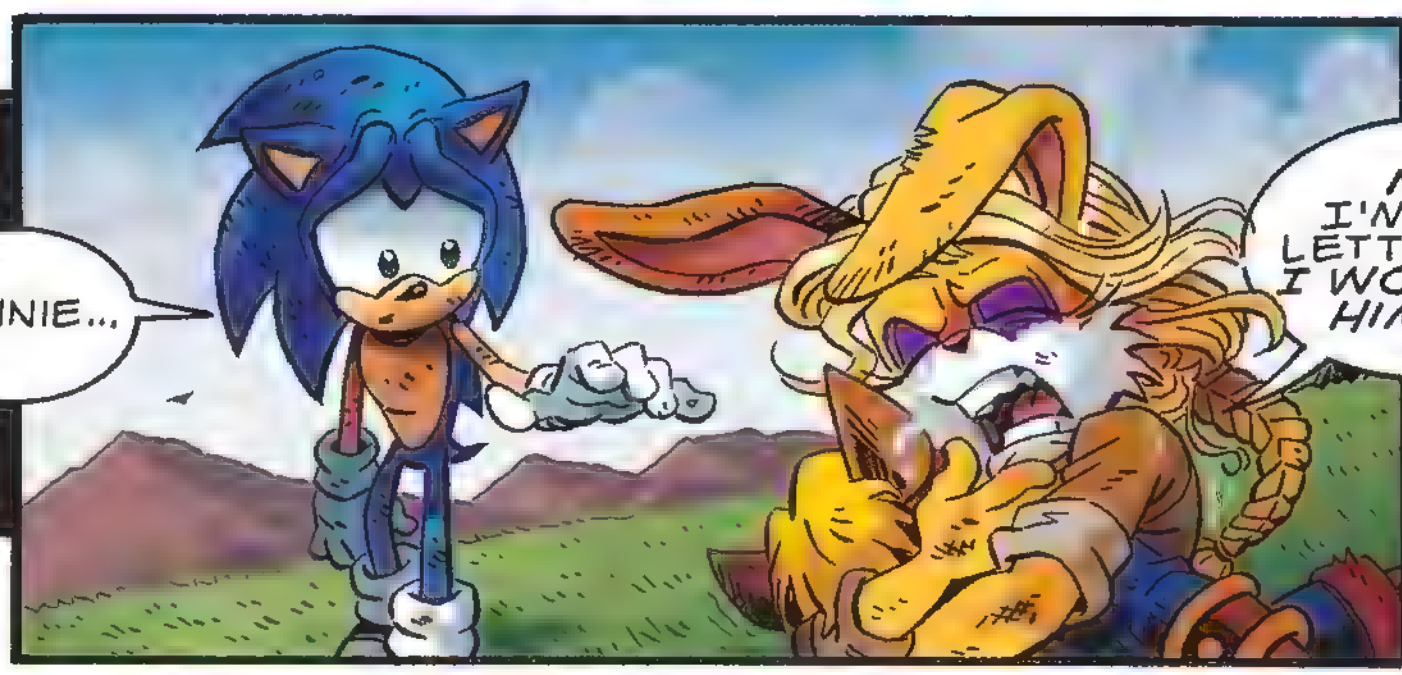

ORDER RECEIVED. RETURNING TO BASE.

ANTOINE...! ANTOINE...!

--PLEASE RESPOND! SOMEBODY! WHAT HAPPENED? HOW IS THE COMMANDER?!
BUT...?!
HEY, ELIAS? HE'S...HE'S... LISTEN. YOU'RE IN THE CLEAR NOW. YOU... YOU JUST GET GOING.

HE MADE SURE YOU COULD GET AWAY SAFELY.


DON'T ...DON'T WASTE THAT...


BUNNIE...
NO! I'M NOT LETTING GO! I WON'T LET HIM GO!

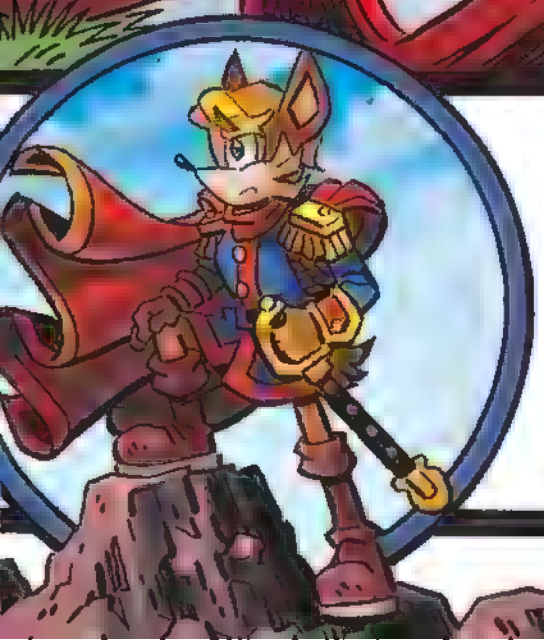
THERE'S STILL TIME. HE'S BREATHING. I'M FAST ENOUGH. I'LL GET HIM TO DOCTOR QUACK.

DOCTOR...? RIGHT. YES. *PLEASE*. OH, PLEASE. *HURRY!*

SAVE HIM, SONIC! *SAVE HIM!*

HANG IN THERE, BUDDY. DON'T YOU WORRY. I'M THE FASTEST THING ALIVE. I'LL GET YOU HELP. YOU'LL BE FINE. YOU'LL SEE. YOU... YOU'LL BE *FINE*.

No matter what challenge we meet tomorrow, or any other day, it will always be an honor to serve alongside my friends for the greater good.
--Antoine



NEXT TIME: **REMEMBER THE FALLEN**

UNTIL THEN, SEE *SONIC UNIVERSE*, *SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE*, THE *SONIC APP*, AND THE *GRAPHIC NOVEL COLLECTION!*

WHAT DO YOU ATTEMPT TO CONJURE NOW, VILLAIN?

NO SPELL WILL RID YOU OF US.

PERHAPS HE'S ADMIRING HIS MANY REFLECTIONS! HA HA HA!

SILENCE, ALL OF YOU! I AM TRYING TO CONCENTRATE...

WHAT THE BLAZES IS THIS SIGNAL WAVELENGTH? IS SOMEONE THERE? ANSWER ME!

*THIS OCCURS BEFORE THE MAIN STORY. --EDITOR

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GREETINGS, DOCTOR! IT HAS BEEN A WHILE.

NAUGUS ?!

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TO WHAT DO I OWE THE DIS-PLEASURE ?

CONSIDER THIS A COURTESY CALL--ONE CONQUROR TO ANOTHER. I HAVE INFORMA-TION ON WHEN YOU WILL HAVE YOUR NEXT BEST SHOT AT DESTROYING THE QUICK-STER AND HIS FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

I SEE. THIS INFO DOESN'T COME CHEAP...

...DOES IT?

QUID PRO QUO, DOCTOR. INFORMATION FOR INFORMA-TION. MY APPRENTICE TELLS ME YOU'RE NOT ***QUITE*** THE MAN I REMEMBER.

TELL ME ...WHAT DO YOU RE-CALL...

...OF OUR FIRST MEETING?

ARE YOU JOKING? *HMPH*. I SUPPOSE IT WOULD SERVE ME TO COM-PARE NOTES AS WELL.

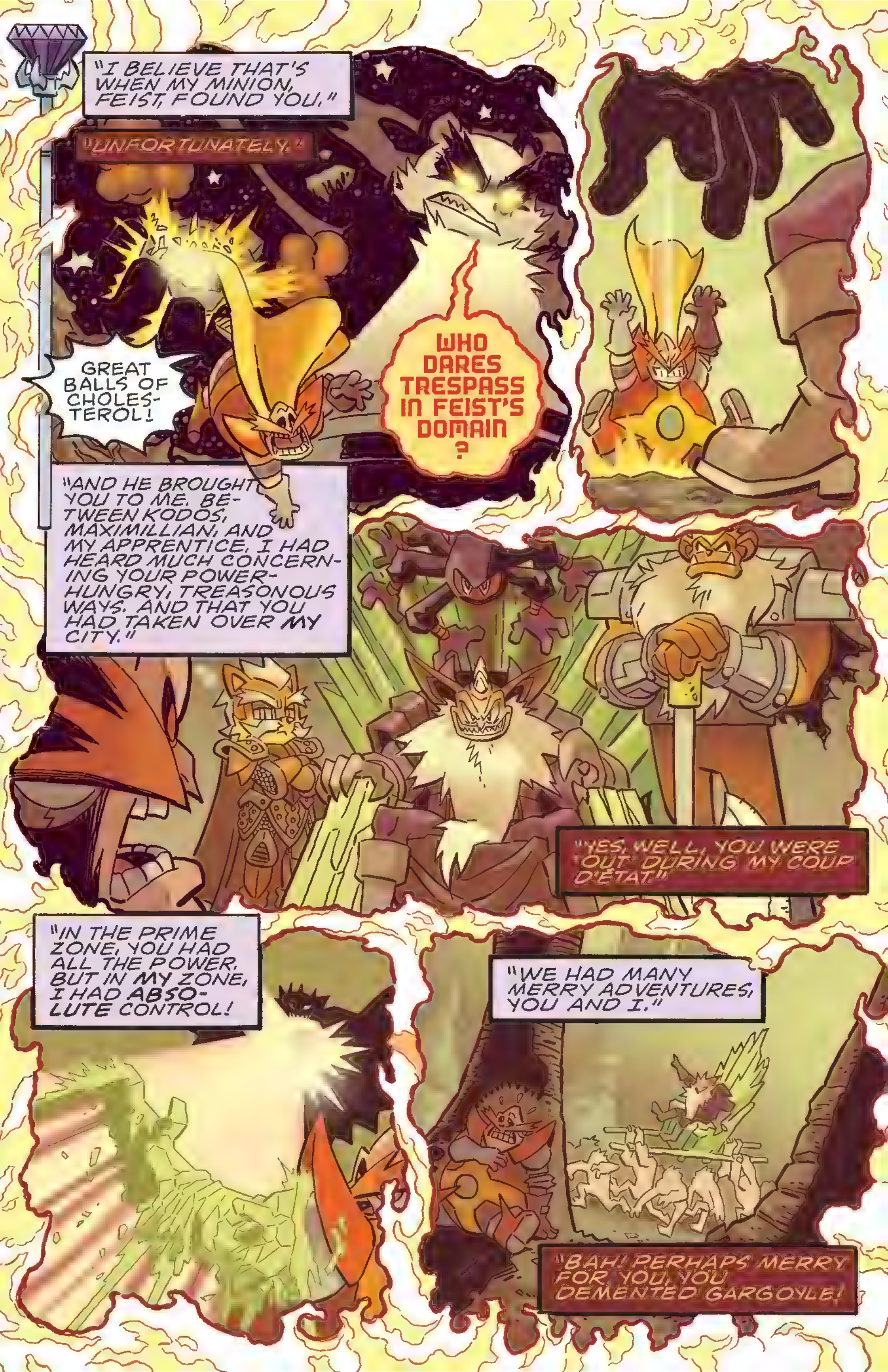
"IT WAS DURING MY, ER YOUNGER DAYS. OLD MOBOTROPOLIS HAD RECENTLY FALLEN TO ME, AND I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THE PROPER-TIES OF THE ZONE OF SILENCE."

LET'S SEE HOW OL' KODOS AND MAX ARE DOING! ÷CHORTLE÷

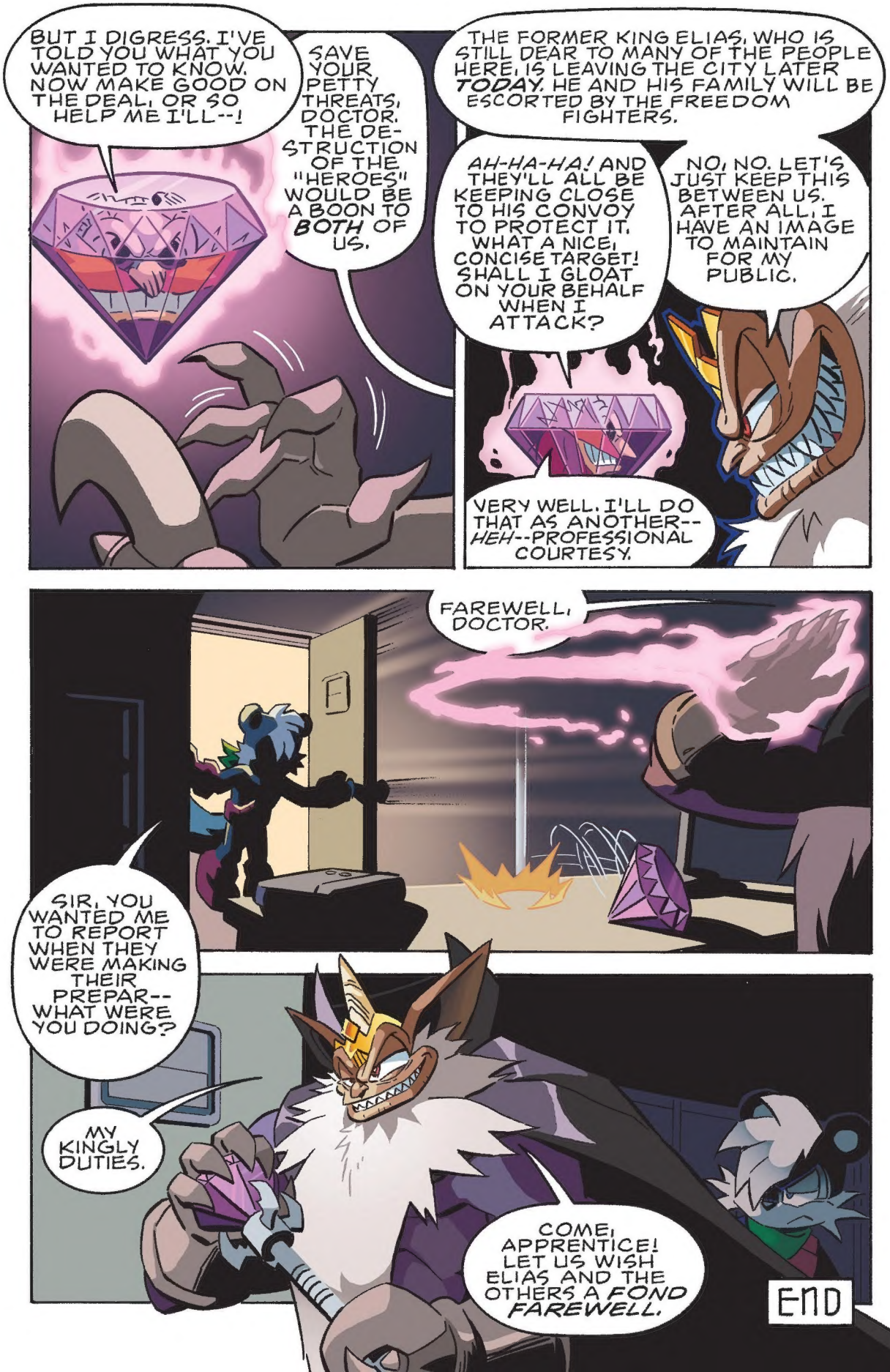
"I KNEW THE ZONE WAS DANGEROUS * I WASN'T ABOUT TO BE TRAPPED THERE, TOO, SO I ENTERED, THINKING I HAD COME PREPARED."

THIS DOESN'T SEEM SO BAD. BORING, REALLY.

*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 9.


"I BELIEVE THAT'S WHEN MY MINION, FEIST, FOUND YOU."
"UNFORTUNATELY."
GREAT BALLS OF CHOLES-TEROL!
WHO DARES TRESPASS IN FEIST'S DOMAIN ?
"AND HE BROUGHT YOU TO ME. BE-TWEEN KODOS, MAXIMILLIAN, AND MY APPRENTICE, I HAD HEARD MUCH CONCERN-ING YOUR POWER-HUNGRY, TREASONOUS WAYS. AND THAT YOU HAD TAKEN OVER MY CITY."
"YES, WELL, YOU WERE 'OUT' DURING MY COUP D'ÉTAT."
"IN THE PRIME ZONE, YOU HAD ALL THE POWER. BUT IN MY ZONE, I HAD ABSO-LUTE CONTROL!
"WE HAD MANY MERRY ADVENTURES, YOU AND I."
"BAH! PERHAPS MERRY FOR YOU, YOU DEMENTED GARGOYLE!

"YET DESPITE YOUR MAGICAL MUMBO-JUMBO, I WAS STILL ABLE TO CONTACT SNIVELY AND ARRANGE FOR HIM TO SUMMON ME BACK.
"AH...THOSE INNOCENT DAYS WHEN I COULD TRUST THE LITTLE RUNT..."
"AND BEFORE MAKING MY ESCAPE, I MADE SURE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HOSPITALITY."
"I LIKED THAT THRONE!"
"OH, I'M SURE YOU JUST CONJURED A NEW ONE!"
SNIV-LEY!
S-S-S-S-SIR?
THEN THE FIRST ROBOTNIK WAR ENDED, YOU ESCAPED, AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. YOU KNOW THE REST. DID YOU HEAR? FEIST TOOK OVER THE ZONE NOW.
YES, AND NAMED IT THE "SPECIAL ZONE." SUCH A TRAVESTY.
CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE ZONE OF SILENCE FOR EXPANSION, BUT DON'T YOU EVER LET ME GO IN THERE AGAIN!
I WONDER WHAT HE DID WITH ALL MY EGG GRAPES*...
*STH #162.


BUT I DIGRESS. I'VE TOLD YOU WHAT YOU WANTED TO KNOW. NOW MAKE GOOD ON THE DEAL, OR SO HELP ME I'LL--!
SAVE YOUR PETTY THREATS, DOCTOR. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE "HEROES" WOULD BE A BOON TO BOTH OF US.
THE FORMER KING ELIAS, WHO IS STILL DEAR TO MANY OF THE PEOPLE HERE, IS LEAVING THE CITY LATER TODAY. HE AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE ESCORTED BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
AH-HA-HA! AND THEY'LL ALL BE KEEPING CLOSE TO HIS CONVOY TO PROTECT IT. WHAT A NICE, CONCISE TARGET! SHALL I GLOAT ON YOUR BEHALF WHEN I ATTACK?
NO, NO. LET'S JUST KEEP THIS BETWEEN US. AFTER ALL, I HAVE AN IMAGE TO MAINTAIN FOR MY PUBLIC.
VERY WELL. I'LL DO THAT AS ANOTHER--HEH--PROFESSIONAL COURTESY.
FAREWELL, DOCTOR.
SIR, YOU WANTED ME TO REPORT WHEN THEY WERE MAKING THEIR PREPAR-- WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
MY KINGLY DUTIES.
COME, APPRENTICE! LET US WISH ELIAS AND THE OTHERS A FOND FAREWELL.
END

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
Issue #233 was truly outstanding, as well at the issues leading up to this and the Sonic Universe issues. I really enjoy the serious storyline; war isn't fair or pretty. The tragic events that the heroes and villains (I'm not calling Geoffrey a villain) have to deal with while they fight for reasons that motivated them in their ways makes them stand out in wonderful ways. It provides a lot more entertainment and enjoyment in opening a comic and reading. I love this issue as I am always curious how Geoffrey fit into the Kingdom of Acorns, and Antoine's prosecution was well thought out and epic. I do have high respect for him, especially since he's growing to be a strong and solid character.

Strong and solid indeed, as the end of this issue will attest. Discover his fate NEXT ISSUE!

I've been a life long fan of Sonic, and began collecting the comics around issue #28 and I have the Sonic Archives (all of them so far). I am a very happy fan that the comics are growing to become a deeper and serious world, I did like the silliness and the humorous comics of the past when I was young, but I may not now. The cheeky humor is satisfied by the Off Panels; this issue was really created well!

The prime cheek-ster of said Off-Panel strips would be our resident cheek-oligist and chief of our pun derp-partment, Jon Gray!

Keep up the good work! And whatever happens to Sally, even if it's tragic or not, you'll have a life long fan!

Lonerli K.
from Indiana

P.S. I want to give a shout out to Elias and his family's part in this issue. Best family to be in, so loyal and honorable to each other.

It will be interesting to see how Elias and the Acorns deal with the blow that has been dealt to their family and Kingdom, but judging by the end of 233, looks like there's a plan a-brewin'! Thanks for the letter, Lonerli!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I'd like to begin by saying that you guys do a phenomenal job on the comics. Recently, I've really liked the storyline a lot. One thing I enjoyed in my most recent issue, number 232, was the second story about Bunnie and Antoine. I thought the emotions were shown well, and I really got a different sense from Scott and David Tipton's story. It was a nice change from the regular action-packed comics. Anyways, I'll have the usual.

1) Is Tails Doll going to have a larger and terrifying role in the comics?

I would tell you, but it's too creepy to think about... :shudder:

2) Thank you for having a Bivalve prelate in SU.

I assure you, the pleasure was all mine!

3) How many funny/enjoyable/amusing comments is the Sonic-Grams guy going to include in their answer?

Flattery will get you printed!

4) Please pass the letter to Eggman. Eggman, you are annoying and egg-shaped.

That's all I have to say!
Evan L.
from Alberta, CANADA

Thanks for the letter, Evan! I'll pass along your message to Dr. Eggman - BUT be warned, he doesn't take kindly to insults! As everyone will find out when reading "SCRAMBLED" over in Sonic Universe! plugplugplugplug

See y'all next month!

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SILVER RETURNS!
CHANGES AROUND IN THE WAR ON EGGMAN, AS THE ROAD TO 250 ROLLS ON!
"REMEMBER THE FALLEN"
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 4/10/12

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ON SALE THE WEEK OF 3/27/12!

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